(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Measures are underway to enhance interaction between the two countries in the defence sector as a part of Government's policy to improve defence relations with friendly foreign countries. These measures, include, *interalia*, exchange of visits, participation in training courses, symposia and joint exercises at the basic level.

Subsidy dues and escalation claims of fertilizer industry

*394. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of subsidy dues and escalation claims of the fertilizer industry;

(b) whether major fertilizer units are likely to close down for want of funds to pay for the inputs and operating costs; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to release subsidy payments and other dues of fertilizer industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) As on 24-3-1992 the outstanding dues on account of subsidy to fertilizer industry was Rs. 512.58 crores. In addition, the requirements for escalation claims are estimated at abourt Rs. 950 crores.

(b) Apart from a few single superphosphate units in the medium and small scale sectors, no report has been received regarding closure of any major fertilizer nit.

(c) Additional funds to the extent of Rs. 350 crores have been asked for in the last batch of supplementaries for the current year in order to clear as much of the pending claims within the current year itself as possibles also Additional funds have also been asked for in the Vote on Account for next year in order to liquidite the carry over claims of the current year early next year. Within the budgetary allocations, all efforts are being made to expedite subsidy payments.

बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों को आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान फिर से चालू किया जाना

*395. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों को आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान कोल इण्डिया या गैर-सरकारी पार्टियों के माध्यम से चलवाये जाने के बारे में कोई निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों का, राज्यवार, ब्यौरा क्या है और उन्हें फिर चालू करने के लिये बनायी गई योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) छठी और सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना काल से लम्बित बिहार की कोयला खानों के लिये क्या योजनायें हैं और उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार अन्य राज्यों में लम्बित इसी प्रकार की परियोजनाओं के कार्य को भी शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ङ) उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) :

(क) से (ङ) ऐसी खानों को छोड़कर, जिनमें कोयले के भंडार पहले ही समाप्त हो गये हैं, कोल इण्डिया लि० ऐसी बन्द पड़ी खानों को पुनः खोले जाने के प्रयास कर रही है, जिनमें गहन अन्वेषण के माध्यम से वाणिज्यिक सभावनायें विनिर्दिष्ट की गयी हैं।

वर्तमान में, निजी पार्टियों के माध्यम से ऐसी कोयला खानों को खोल जाने के

संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं हैं।

कोल इंडिया लि० द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गयी सूचना के अनुसार बन्द पड़ी कोयला खानों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :—

राज्य का नाम	बन्द पड़ी कोयला खानों की संख्या
बिहार	45
असम	5
पश्चिम बंगाल	14
मध्य प्रदेश	1

हाल ही में, बिहार सरकार ने बिहार में बन्द पड़ी कोयला खानों को खोले जाने की व्यवहार्यता का निरिक्षण करने के लिये एक संयुक्त निरीक्षण समिति गठित की है। यह समिति बिहार सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेगी। यह उल्लेख किया जाना संभव नहीं है कि कब तक इन खानों को उत्खनन के लिये पुनः खोला जा सकेगा।

Leakage of Civil Services Examinations (Main) Question Papers

*396. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in 'Rashtriya Sahara' of 7th March, 1992, to the effect that question papers, particularly of Zoology, of the Civil Services Examination (Main), 1991, were leaked; if so, the details thereof and whether any complaints/representations have been received about it;

(b) how many times such complaints have been received during the last five years; and

(c) what steps have been taken to stop such irregularities in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :

(a) to (c) The Civil Servics (Main) Examination 1991 was held from 14-2-92 to 13-3-92. On 4-3-92 soon after the commencement of the Zoology (Paper-I) Examination a piece of paper purporting to be the question paper of the optional subject Zoology (Paper-I) was found pasted on the Notice Board near the examination hall of the U.P.S.C. Later some candidates filed a representation alleging leakage of the question paper. A news item also appeared in "Rashtriya Sahara" on 7-3-92 alleging leakage of question paper of Zoology. On careful scrutiny and comparison of the peice of paper purporting to be the question paper found pasted on the Notice Board of the UPSC, with actual question paper, it was found that there was no substance in the allegation and the candidates, who represented to the UPSC have been suitably informed by the Commission.

2. Apart from leakage of certain question papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 1991 held in June 1991 there has been no other instance of leakage of question papers in UPSC conducted examinations though there has been unsubstantiated allegation of leakage of question papers of C.S. Preiminary Examination held in 1990. The leakage of the Civil Servces (Preliminary) Examination, 1991 question papers had taken place at one of the prinitng presess outside Delhi. The examination held in June, 1991 was cancelled and fresh examination was held in September, 1991. The persons responsibe for leakage have been apprehended by the CBI and criminal cases have been filed against them. The printing press concerned is not beirig entrusted with any more work of the the UPSC.

Twenty-Third International Film Festival

*397. SHRI B.K. HARIPRAAD ;
SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the countries which participated in the recent Twenty-third International Film Festival held in Bangalore;